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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, regarding the abovereferenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.